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SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SCHEEL

REF: STATE 170742

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF A REPLY TO PRESIDENT SCHEEL'S APPEAL TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOR THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS. ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH BONN GROUP REP IS NOT AWARE OF THE STATUS OF THE FRENCH REPLY TO AN IDENTICAL LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT Giscard, THE UK REP INFORMS US THAT QUEEN ELIZABETH HAS ALREADY REPLIED IN TERMS VERY SIMILAR TO THE US DRAFT. I RECOMMEND THAT THE REPLY TO PRESIDENT SCHEEL BE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

2. DRAFT REPLY TO PRESIDENT SCHEEL:

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I SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT OF RUDOLF HESS. FOR MANY YEARS THE UNITED STATES HAS, FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, SUPPORTED HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE. HOWEVER, HE IS IMPRISONED UNDER THE TERMS OF FOUR-POWER AGREEMENTS, AND HIS RELEASE WOULD REQUIRE THE CONSENT OF THE SOVIET UNION. IN SPITE OF THE NUMEROUS DEMARCHE WHICH THE FRENCH,

BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS YOUR OWN GOVERNMENT, HAVE MADE TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE, THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO OPPOSE ANY STEP OF THIS NATURE.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RAISED THIS MATTER AT A HIGH LEVEL WITH THE SOVIETS SHORTLY AFTER I TOOK OFFICE EARLIER THIS YEAR. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE SOVIET AGREEMENT TO THE RELEASE OF MR. HESS AND, IN THE MEANTIME, WILL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE CONDITIONS OF HIS IMPRISONMENT ARE ALLEVIATED TO THE GREATEST DEGREE POSSIBLE.

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